

Army and Navy Sign Data Sharing Memorandum of Understanding

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Mr. Michael Kirby, Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for Business Transformation, and Ms. Anita Blair, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, today signed the first-ever Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for data sharing between two services.

In a continued spirit of cooperation, the two Departments signed the MOU in a ceremony held 15 November, 2007 at the General Fund Enterprise Business Systems (GFEBS) facility in Alexandria, Va. The signing ceremony took place during the US Army Enterprise Solutions Competency Center's Senior Executive Seminar on Data Strategies. The event highlights a successful 12-year history of shared cooperation.

Each service will maintain a presence in a shared data environment in Fairfield, Calif., and the MOU promotes future policies to increase workforce planning efforts. The unified data center will leverage best practices, while strengthening research and development for each Department.

There are substantial challenges in today's military environment, and transforming business and support operations results in more efficient support to the warfighter, while freeing up much-needed resources. A renewed focus on better understanding and management of the workforce produces products that drive readiness and mission capability.

The Army and Navy have partnered for 12 years in the areas of data, technologies, and methods for workforce planning and forecasting. Each Department has made substantial improvements in the ability to forecast, manage and more effectively execute critical business and support activities.

That partnership enabled the Army to develop and implement such major programs as the enterprise-Army Workforce Planning System. The joint efforts have produced management systems and processes that create significant workforce planning and execution initiatives.

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